



STEEKEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back to School

I am excited to join the Steekee Community

Dear Steekee Parents and Friends:

I am honored to be the new Principal of Steekee Elementary School. I have been fortunate to have spent 22 wonderful years as an educator working with students from the elementary and middle school levels. I feel especially fortunate to serve the Steekee community. Steekee Elementary has earned the reputation of providing a nurturing and academically stimulating environment to students. This reputation did not develop by accident. It has been

through the hard work, dedication, and partnerships that have existed between school staff, parents, community members, and most importantly...the students.

As the instructional leaders of our school, Mrs. Kelley and I enthusiastically embrace the responsibility of helping Steekee students develop the grit, tenacity and perseverance they need to thrive in the 21st century. This can only happen if we work together to help our students learn to be self-sufficient and self-directed learners. The staff

at Steekee knows that content must be rigorous and relevant to our students, and Mrs. Kelley and I will work hard to ensure a safe, secure learning environment for all students and staff. Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments that you might have to help us accomplish our goal.

I look forward to meeting you and learning about Steekee Elementary School, our students, our families, our community.

Dr. Stapleton

Important School News and Calendar of Events

Thank you all for your cooperation and suggestions as we work through our new arrival/dismissal procedures and traffic pattern.

We are excited about the opportunity to view the Solar Eclipse on August 21st. Remember, Loudon County Schools will be closed that day. Teachers have prepared lessons and activities around the topic of the eclipse to building

student knowledge of and excitement for this rare occurrence.

Teachers are also educating students about the potential danger of viewing the eclipse with unprotected eyes. The only safe way to look at the eclipsed Sun is through specially designed solar filters. Every Steekee student will receive a pair of these eclipse glasses to take home. I have attached an article for you that

- Please mark your calendar:
- 8/21: No School-Solar Eclipse
- 8/28: LAUNCH begins
- 9/12: Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 9/21: Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts parent information meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 9/22: 4th Grade Farm Day
- 9/22: Steekee Carnival